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Capital Planning Committee

Meeting Memorandum

November 1, 2001

In attendance were:

** Steve Andrew
 John Bilafer
 John FitzMaurice
 Charles T. Foskett, Chairman
 Nancy T. Galkowski
 Dave Kale
 Anthony T. Lionetta
 A. L. Minervini
 Barbara Thornton

Note: Phil Farrington joined the meeting for a time.

** Denotes those not in attendance.

1. Meeting Minutes: Charlie F. opened the meeting. The prepared notes of the October 18th meeting were accepted.

2. Additional Info: School Requests: John F. noted that there had been follow-up with the School facility staff and it appears that the roof repair could be postponed a year. If needed, temporary emergency could be done in the interim.

Also there was discussion on the School's request for \$35,000 for magnetic door holders at the Ottoson.

The subcommittee questioned the justification for these holders (not for safety but rather convenience of having doors open.) They are not in place in the older schools. Dave K. reported that they are in the newer schools and about 60% of them were installed in the Ottoson. These now requested ones, were not as a cost saving measure. It appears that not even the wiring was done. There is a question on the CPC's support for this request given the money that has already been spent at the School.

3. Library Requests: Request for outside cleaning, presently shown as \$20,000, may need to be \$50,000. Subcommittee suggests moving from FY03 to FY04. Other requests in FY03 for Van (\$20,000) and Re-pointing (\$3,000) are recommended.

4. Street Lighting Proposal: The Town Manager introduced his proposal to relight the Town using more efficient street lighting sources (likely HP Sodium fixtures). He provided memorandum to the CPC.

The Town presently pays about \$400,000 to NStar. This annual sum includes the reduction realized following the Town previously taking over the cost of maintenance. This alternative lighting program is being sponsored by the NStar as a way of saving power. New lighting units cost about \$110/unit and NStar would provide a rebate of \$100/unit. The payback on the balance of \$10/unit would be realized with 3-4 months of the first year. The Town Manager is approaching the CPC to seek approval to borrow the \$350,000 need to

front the program. The program would likely take 2-years to complete.

CPC had concerns over the compatibility of new lighting units replacing the older units given that they would fall on the existing poles. Concerns include level of lighting, uniformity ratios and citizen acceptance of yellow light. This last issue is the one of greatest concern.

CPC suggested further information and study such as computer generated lighting patterns, performance of a neighborhood pilot project, and communication with other Town's that have done it or have considered it. Also there is a question whether the rebate applies to partial implementation or whether town-wide implementation is needed to be eligible (maybe just major streets could be done.) Town Manager noted that this would be a good way of reducing the Operating Budget.

The Town Manager noted that a small pilot could be done using funds available from this year's lighting budget. He also noted that traffic signals light sources are going through a similar replacement program now.

5. **Police Requests:** Barbara T. and Dave K reviewed their comments on police requests. Dave K. provided a table to members, which summarized requests and recommended actions. Subcommittee recommends postponement of \$20,000 for Center Analysis.
6. **Park Requests:** Tony L. and John B. reviewed requests by Parks. A memo of the Subcommittee's meeting with Don Vitters was provided to members. The recently obtained Spy Pond grant needs to be coordinated with the proposed shoreline improvement project. We need a determination of how much of this grant will go to this project, in that this project was used to justify the grant. Nancy G. to check into this. Subcommittee recommends that Locke Playground be advanced, if possible.
7. **Next meeting:** Next meeting is scheduled for Nov 15. Also noted that Kay D. will be attending the Committee's November 29th meeting.